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USS WHITE PLAINS (AFS 4) COMMAND HISTORY  
1986

January 1986 saw the WHITE PLAINS completing her DPMA and getting underway on 21 January for two days of Sea Trials off the coast of Guam. She pulled in on January 22, and spent the rest of January inport putting the finishing touches on her DPMA.

WHITE PLAINS got underway from Guam on February 8 for six days of operations with USS ENTERPRISE, USS SACRAMENTO, and USS LEWIS B. PULLER. She pulled into Guam for three days and on February 17 began Mobile Training Team Phase 1.

WHITE PLAINS got underway on March 10 enroute to TEAM SPIRIT 86 and spent the next eleven days underway conducting underway replenishment with 17 different ships including USS BLUE RIDGE and USS MIDWAY. She pulled into Pusan, Korea on March 22 for a port visit. WHITE PLAINS completed March with a three day port visit to Hong Kong.

WHITE PLAINS spent much of April in Guam for an upkeep period and departed on April 21 for Yokosuka, Japan where she completed a Training Availability. On May 12, WHITE PLAINS began Interim Refresher Training and closed out May with OPPE (Operational Propulsion Plant Recertification Exam).

June 7, WHITE PLAINS departed Guam for Subic Bay and spent two weeks having work done by SRF Subic. WHITE PLAINS got underway on the 28th for Pattaya Beach, Thailand for a four day port visit. On July 9 she departed for Australia and conducted replenishment exercises with USS ENTERPRISE Battle Group enroute. WHITE PLAINS arrived in Australia on July 18 and departed July 21 for Subic Bay.

August began with WHITE PLAINS in Subic Bay, departing for her homeport of Guam on the 4th. She arrived on August 8 and spent the next ten days getting work done on the ship by SRF Guam. On August 20, WHITE PLAINS departed Guam on a rescue and assistance mission for USS BEAUFORT who was 400 miles east of Guam, towing a barge that was in danger of sinking. WHITE PLAINS lended damage control assistance and escorted BEAUFORT to Guam, arriving on August 23. WHITE PLAINS finished August conducting training drills off the coast of Guam.

WHITE PLAINS spent the first half of September in Guam for an upkeep period and departed for Yokosuka, Japan on September 15. Enroute she conducted Vertical Replenishment exercises with USS BLUE RIDGE and conducted a Burial at Sea Ceremony. Arriving in Yokosuka on September 19, WHITE PLAINS spent four days loading supplies and departed Japan on September 23 for ANNUALEX 86, a joint exercise between the U.S. Navy and the Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force. During the exercise WHITE PLAINS provided fuel and stores to USS RANGER, USS REEVES, USS STANDLEY, USS PEARY and several of the Japanese ships. WHITE PLAINS closed out September enroute to her homeport of Guam.

Remaining inport Guam little more than a week, WHITE PLAINS departed

on the 13th enroute Pusan, Korea. Before arriving, an UNREP was conducted with USS BERKELEY. WHITE PLAINS arrived in Pusan on the 19th and was underway for the Philippines on the 23rd. On 27 Oct WHITE PLAINS pulled into Subic Bay and stayed inport for the remainder of the month.

An amphibious exercise had WHITE PLAINS leaving Subic Bay on 2 Nov 86. UNREPS were conducted with JUNEAU, TUSCALOOSA, TARAWA, FRESNO, HASSAYAMPA, ST. LOUIS, and DUBUQUE.

WHITE PLAINS returned to Subic Bay on the third, only to depart on the fifth for a two day transit to Hong Kong. The port visit in the British colony lasted five days. WHITE PLAINS departed on 12 Nov for a return trip to Subic Bay. Arriving back in the Philippines on 14 Nov, WHITE PLAINS stayed inport until 22 Nov. Upon departing, the ship celebrated it's 18th birthday. On 26 Nov, WHITE PLAINS arrived at its homeport of Guam.

Having planned on remaining inport through the holidays, WHITE PLAINS unexpectedly had to pull out on two occasions to avoid typhoon Kim. WHITE PLAINS first pulled out on 30 Nov, returning on 2 Dec. At this time, the INSURV team arrived and boarded the ship. However, as the strength of typhoon Kim increased, it became necessary for WHITE PLAINS to depart again. Having left on 3 Dec, WHITE PLAINS returned the next day.

WHITE PLAINS remained inport the rest of December. The month was highlighted with a visit to the ship on 12 December by the Commander Naval Surface Force Pacific, VADM Davis.

USS WHITE PLAINS COMMAND HISTORY  
CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER OF EVENTS

JAN 1, 1986	INPORT GUAM FOR DPMA, NEW YEARS DAY (HOLIDAY)
JAN 14, 1986	PACIFIC FLEET MASTER CHIEF VISITS WHITE PLAINS
JAN 15, 1986	FAST CRUISE
JAN 21, 1986	SEA TRIALS-UNDERWAY
JAN 22, 1986	RETURNED FROM SEA TRIALS
FEB 8, 1986	UNDERWAY FROM GUAM TO RDVU USNS PONCHATOULA
FEB 9, 1986	CONDUCTED SQTs WITH USNS PONCHATOULA
FEB 10, 1986	CONDUCTED SQTs WITH USNS PONCHATOULA
FEB 11, 1986	CONREP USS SACRAMENTO
FEB 12, 1986	CONREP/VERTREP USS ENTERPRISE, CONREP/REFUEL USS LEWIS B. PULLER CONDUCTED SQTs WITH USNS PONCHATOULA
FEB 13, 1986	RETURNED TO GUAM, CONDUCTED PRECISION ANCHORAGE EVOLUTION
FEB 17, 1986	UNDERWAY FOR MTT PHASE I
FEB 18, 1986	INPORT GUAM
MAR 10, 1986	UNDERWAY FROM GUAM FOR TEAM SPIRIT OPS CONDUCTED ECC DRILLS ENROUTE TO SASEBO JAPAN.
MAR 14, 1986	CONREP USS LOCKWOOD
MAR 19, 1986	UNREP USS REEVES, USS KNOX, USS CIMARRON, USNS KILAUEA, USS DUBUQUE, USS PEORIA, USS O'BRIEN, USS VANCOUVER, USNS PASSUMPSIC.

MAR 20, 1986	UNREP USS TOWERS, USS BLUE RIDGE, USS NEW ORLEANS, USS LEWIS B. PULLER, USS MOBILE, USS ST. LOUIS.
MAR 21, 1986	UNREP USS MIDWAY.
MAR 22, 1986	VISIT PUSAN, KOREA
MAR 25, 1986	UNDERWAY FROM PUSAN, KOREA.
MAR 28, 1986	VISIT HONG KONG B.C.C.
APR 1, 1986	UNDERWAY FROM HONG KONG
APR 6, 1986	INPORT GUAM.
APR 9, 1986	UNDERWAY FOR MTT PHASE II
APR 12, 1986	INPORT GUAM
APR 21, 1986	UNDERWAY FROM GUAM
APR 27, 1986	INPORT YOKOSUKA, JAPAN FOR TRE AND TRAV
MAY 12, 1986	UNDERWAY FROM YOKOSUKA FOR IRFT
MAY 18, 1986	INPORT YOKOSUKA.
MAY 19, 1986	UNDERWAY FOR IRFT.
MAY 24, 1986	INPORT YOKOSUKA JA.
MAY 27, 1986	UNDERWAY FOR OPPE.
MAY 30, 1986	ENROUTE GUAM.
JUN 3, 1986	INPORT GUAM.
JUN 7, 1986	UNDERWAY FROM GUAM
JUN 12, 1986	INPORT SUBIC BAY.
JUN 28, 1986	UNDERWAY FROM SUBIC BAY.
JUL 5, 1986	VISIT PATTAYA, THAILAND.
JUL 9, 1986	UNDERWAY FROM PATTAYA.
JUL 16, 1986	UNREP USS ENTERPRISE, USS ARKANSAS, USS TRUXTON.
JUL 18, 1986	VISIT FREMANTLE, AUSTRALIA.
JUL 21, 1986	UNDERWAY FROM FREMANTLE.

JUL 26, 1986	UNREP USS ENTERPRISE.
JUL 29, 1986	INPORT SUBIC BAY.
AUG 4, 1986	UNDERWAY FROM SUBIC BAY.
AUG 8, 1986	INPORT GUAM.
AUG 19, 1986	UNDERWAY TO RENDER ASSISTANCE TO USS BEAUFORT.
AUG 29, 1986	INPORT GUAM.
SEP 15, 1986	UNDERWAY FROM GUAM.
SEP 16, 1986	CONDUCT BURIAL AT SEA.
SEP 19, 1986	INPORT YOKOSUKA, JAPAN.
SEP 23, 1986	UNDERWAY FROM YOKOSUKA.
SEP 25, 1986	UNREP RANGER GROUP.
OCT 19, 1986	VISIT PUSAN, KOREA.
OCT 23, 1986	UNDERWAY FROM PUSAN.
OCT 27, 1986	INPORT SUBIC BAY.
NOV 2, 1986	UNDERWAY FROM SUBIC BAY.
NOV 3, 1986	UNREP AMPHIBIOUS GROUP.
NOV 7, 1986	VISIT HONG KONG.
NOV 8-11, 1986	ISIC ENGINEERING READINESS ASSESSMENT (IERA).
NOV 12, 1986	UNDERWAY FROM HONG KONG.
NOV 14, 1986	INPORT SUBIC BAY.
NOV 22, 1986	UNDERWAY FROM SUBIC BAY.
NOV 26, 1986	INPORT GUAM.
DEC 2, 1986	INSURV TEAM ARRIVES
DEC 6, 1986	INSURV TEAM DEPARTS.
DEC 12, 1986	VADM DAVIS VISITS SHIP.